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SUBJECT: "NATIONAL INQUIRER" ATTRIBUTES VESCO

STORY TO AMBASSADOR

1. EMBASSY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER TOOK A LONG DISTANCE CALL MORNING AUGUST 26 FROM "NATIONAL INQUIRER" REPORTER JEFF NEWMAN WHO ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING ROBERT VESCO: THAT VESCO WAS "INTERESTED IN GIVING HIMSELF UP" AND RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES; THAT VESCO'S "WIFE WAS IN TEARS" AND THE CHILDREN WERE UNHAPPY BECAUSE THEY ARE "OSTRACIZED" BY OTHERS AND BECAUSE OF FEARS OVER POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE VESCOS; THAT VARIOUS VESCO COMPANIES ARE NEGOTIATING WITH USG; THAT VESCO IS GOING TO ENTER INTO PLEA BARGAINING AND HOPES TO DRAW A ONE-TWO YEAR SENTENCE ONLY.

2. NEWMAN TOLD PAO THAT HIS SOURCE RECEIVED THE ABOVE INFORMATION FROM AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. NEWMAN THEN ASKED "IF THERE WAS A STORY HERE FOR THE "INQUIRER," PAO EMPHATICALLY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, ALSO STRONGLY DENIED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD MADE ANY STATEMENT TO ANYONE SUCH AS ABOVE.

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NEWMAN ASKED IF OFFICER COULD CHECK WITH AMBASSADOR

ANYWAY AND HE AGREED TO DO SO. NEWMAN ALSO SAID HE
HAD NO INTENTION OF USING AMBASSADOR'S NAME, NOR IN ANY
WAY ATTRIBUTE THE STORY TO US IF HE DECIDE TO RUN IT.

3. SINCE CHECKING WITH AMBASSADOR, PAO IS TRYING TO
GET BACK TO NEWMAN AGAIN TO DENY CATEGORICALLY THAT
HE OR EMBASSY HAS MADE ANY COMMENTS ALONG THESE LINES TO ANYONE.
IF PRESSED, WE WILL SUGGEST THAT "INQUIRER" CONTACT
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY COMMENT.
TODMAN

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